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**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
January 19, 2012 1:00 -3:00 PM
McGee Hall of Honors**

Senators in Attendance:

	E. Alozie (AL/CAS)		W. Henne (CAS)	X	W. Rudloff (CAS)
X	Y. Brown (UL/DLMD)*		R. James (AL/CHHS)		A. Shekib (CBPA)
	M. Bruce (CBPA)	X	E. Johnson (CAS)*		F. Tian (CBPA)*
	D. Cepa (CHHS)		V. Jones (CAS)	X	C. Tymkow (CHHS)
X	D. Cortese (CAS)*	X	T. Kelly (COE)	X	R. Washington (CHHS)*
X	E. Essex (CHHS)*	X	J. Klomes (COE)*	X	B. Winicki (COE)*
	S. Gandy (COE)*	X	M. Marion (AL/COE)		
X	D. Hechenberger (AL/COE)	X	R. Muhammad (AL/CAS)*		

* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Guests: E. Maimon, T. Allison, G. Ejigu, M. Katz

Call to Order at 1:14 by Faculty Senate President Rashidah Muhammad; quorum established.

Pres. Muhammad spoke a few words in tribute to past Faculty Senate President Gary Lyon, and the Senate held a moment of silence in his memory.

1. Administrative Reports

a) Report by President E. Maimon

President Maimon spoke about the dual - degree program and its students. She noted that the Kresgie Foundation funding of this program is an important break-through for a regional public university, and that GSU can be a model twenty-first century university. She stated that GSU will continue its commitment to returning adults maintained while expanding student base.

Dr. Maimon reported that, at its Dec. 6, 2011 meeting, the IBHE had given approval for GSU to move forward with admission of lower-division students.

b) Report by Vice-President G. Ejigu

V.P. Ejigu reported that the start of the semester had gone smoothly, even with significant issues unsettled, such as the new ERP system, the loss of eight classrooms, and transition to a new learning system (Blackboard). With regard to Datatel implementation, he noted that the one glitch that had occurred was corrected within 60 minutes. In most aspects, the process is in the post-implementation stage. Nevertheless, there are two continuing issues, migration of student data and issuance of transcripts. With regard to student housing, V.P. Ejigu reported that this is on the agenda for the Feb. 7 IBHE meeting, and he is confident that it will be approved. The plan calls for opening student housing in Aug. 2014, concurrent with first admission of freshmen.

V.P. Ejigu and Pres. Maimon responded to questions regarding the planned student housing, Blackboard implementation, Datatel problems related to Continuing Registration status/grades, and problems with office space.

c) Report by Provost T. Allison

Provost Allison reported that the MAT in Urban Education and the BA in Entrepreneurship are on agenda for IBHE's February meeting. The Ed.D. in Interdisciplinary Leadership, the Specialist in School Psychology, and the MS in Mathematics are being reviewed at IBHE staff level.

Provost Allison reported on the status of several administration position searches, including for Associate Provost, the Dean of CHHS, Director of the Center for Performing Arts, Dean of Students, and Library/ITS Director.

2. *Approval of December Faculty Senate meeting minutes*

Tymkow made the motion to approve the minutes; Kelly seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

(Guest administrators left the Senate meeting.)

3. *Bargaining Unit*

M. Katz reported that there will be an open meeting to discuss UPI elections on February 2, 3:30 to 4:30. Another meeting will be held for field representatives. She invited anyone interested to contact her. Katz noted that new contract negotiations are coming, so work groups to develop lists of issues will meet this semester. She stated that she will be retiring and, therefore, will not be part of the actual negotiations.

4. *Faculty Reports*

- IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee: A written report on the Dec. 9, 2011, meeting in Springfield was sent by Aida Shekib.
- University Curriculum Committee -- No report; Faculty Senate President Muhammad

said that she will attend the next UCC meeting and will report back to Executive Committee.

- Academic Program Review Committee -- A written report was received from S. Gandy. She stated that proposals for three new minors/concentrations in psychology have been reviewed. Two (Forensic Psychology; Organizational Psychology) were approved after minor revisions; a third (Mindfulness Studies) was returned for more substantial revision.
- Educational Policy Committee -- Essex reported that a revision of Policy 25 to require fewer upper-division credits will be brought back to Executive Committee. She also stated that EPC is finishing work on a document describing the procedures for policy review.
- Graduate Studies Council -- Tymkow stated that the Graduate Council has discussed changes in GRE, and that a representative from ETS will be invited to speak to Graduate Council and can be asked to talk to the Faculty Senate also. Tymkow reported that Graduate Council is still discussing the 500/5000 level course issue. The Senate then discussed this issue briefly. Senate President Muhammad stated that the proposal being developed would allow 500/5000 designation for electives only, not required courses. The proposal designates all 500/5000 classes as graduate level. A senator noted that the “work around” in Datatel would be to set up two sections of these classes, one at the graduate level and one at the undergraduate level. A senator noted that some 500/5000 courses have been split into 400/4000 and 600/6000 courses with separate syllabi. Some accreditation bodies require the separation of syllabi.
- Executive Committee -- Senate President Muhammad reported that Maribeth Kasik has agreed to be Senate Parliamentarian and Linda Buyer has agreed to be a representative to Institutional Effectiveness Committee. (Senator Henne volunteered to serve on the Institutional Effectiveness Committee as well.) The Senate agreed to these appointments. Muhammad reported that the university’s contract with TurnItIn will expire soon, and the library faculty recommends that it be renewed for an additional year while alternatives are explored. Senator Brown stated that the Blackboard has a Safe Assign function that is not as robust as TurnItIn, but it may be adequate and it is free. Senator Brown said that Safe Assign needs to be reviewed before a recommendation can be made by COTL. Some senators suggested that Policy 4 be revised to include guidelines for using plagiarism detection programs.

Adjournment at 3:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2012, 1-3pm, McGee Hall of Honors

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Winicki
Faculty Senate Secretary